

Volusia County Sheriff's Office Supervisor Investigation Report

Incident Entered By: SGT Karen Ardoin - 7049

Assigned Investigator: [Incident pending assignment]

Incident Details

Date Received	Date of Occurrence	Time of Occurrence
2/4/2019	11/2/2018	14:01
Record ID #	Agency Case #	File #
25001	180025689	SI 19-033
Date/Time Entered		
2/4/2019 15:00		

Incident Summary

Incident Type: Supervisory Inquiry

Received Date: 02/04/2019

Entered By: SGT Karen Ardoin

Basis for Investigation

On 02/04/2019 at 1401hrs, Sgt. Ardoin received an email from Lt. Newman detailing a complaint made by Julie Vaught against SRD Michael Worlledge in reference to a Simple Battery investigation, VCSO Case Number 18-25689. In the email, Lt. Newman detailed verbal complaints made, which included the following:

- The original incident involving her daughter occurred on 11/2/2018, but it took SRD Worlledge 3 weeks to complete the report.
- SRD Worlledge refused to give her a copy of her daughter's statement and referred her to Records to obtain a copy.
- SRD Worlledge never provided a case card with a case number.
- Another student named Taylor, reported a similar case to SRD Worlledge with same suspect.
- SRD Worlledge keeps calling her daughter and her daughter's friends out of class repeatedly.
- SRD Worlledge treated her daughter like a suspect when she reported the incident by asking "Have you ever had a relations with him before?", "You told him no this time?"

Upon receiving the email complaint from Lt. Newman, Sgt. Ardoin attempted to reach J. Vaught on 02/04/2019 at 1404hrs and several times thereafter. On 03/26/2019, Sgt. Ardoin made contact with J. Vaught and informed her the Supervisory Inquiry was received and that Sgt. Ardoin would be conducting the Inquiry. J. Vaught was told she would be contacted at the completion of the Inquiry to which she indicated she understood.

Inquiry

Sgt. Ardoin retrieved and reviewed the incident reports, witness statements and four submitted BWC videos of SRD Worlledge and Deputy Ryan Lee. On 11/02/2018, J. Vaught came to University HS with her daughter Isabella to report student Ty Dean touched I. Vaught on her breast and vagina area, above the clothes, while riding the bus to school on 11/02/2018. SRD Worlledge conducted an interview of I. Vaught in the presence of J. Vaught. During the interview with I. Vaught, SRD Worlledge provided J. Vaught a VCSO business card containing the case number. SRD Worlledge did ask I. Vaught if she and Dean have hung out before or had been friends before to which I. Vaught stated, "We umm dated back in 7th grade" and they stopped contact towards the middle of 8th grade. SRD Worlledge followed up with the question, "Now, personal question in front of mom; when ya'll were dating, was it ever a romantic kind of thing?" to which I. Vaught replied, "No, it was just like kinda awkward stuff." SRD Worlledge then stated, "Just hanging out; like hey, so this wasn't one of those things `we've done it before hey why can't we do it any more kind of thing?" I. Vaught said, "Yeah".

SRD Worlledge attempted to locate Dean, however, he was checked out of school during lunch time. SRD Worlledge requested the assistance of patrol to attempt to locate Dean at his residence. Patrol Deputy Ryan Lee located Dean and his mother (Kacey Dean) and conducted an interview at their residence. Dean admitted to touching I. Vaught in the vaginal and breast area and her butt on the outside of the clothes and once on her breast area inside of the clothing. He said the touching was consensual (he stated she has touched him consensually in his groin area in the past) and that she was ok with it. Dean said I. Vaught told him at one point to stop which he did. Dean said he asked a bit later if he could continue and she agreed. According to K. Dean, she and J. Vaught has spoken in the past on two occasions concerning both Dean and I. Vaught and their mutual

back and forth actions. K. Dean stated she received a text from Lana (Youngers) mother about the lunch conversation between Lana and I. Vaught. K. Dean stated Lana and I. Vaught are close and she and Lana's mother are close. K. Dean said she picked Dean up from school after receiving the message and took him home. K. Dean said she called J. Vaught and left her a voice message. Dean told his mother the same information as he reported to Deputy Lee.

On 11/05/2019, SRD Worlledge conducted an interview with Dean and his mother at University HS. The interview confirmed the information obtained during the interview with Deputy Lee. Dean and his mother repeated that the incidents of touching were mutual and have occurred since both were in middle school.

SRD Worlledge retrieve a potential witness, Lana Youngers (as provided by I. Vaught) from her classroom on 11/08/2018 to conduct an interview. Youngers participated in the interview and completed a sworn written statement in the SRD office. Youngers stated she was riding her bike to school and called Bella on the phone. She overheard movement and I. Vaught say "stop". Younger said she figured it was nothing. During lunch, I. Vaught told her "remember the noise/movement you heard over the phone and me saying "stop"; that was me telling Ty to stop and me trying to get away from him". Younger said I. Vaught told her that Ty was "messing with her and touching her again...trying to put his hand up in her shorts." Youngers said she told I. Vaught to report the incident. Youngers left the office with no further interaction with SRD Worlledge.

SRD Worlledge obtained the name "Taylor Jarrell" from I. Vaught as a student who may have had a similar situation with suspect Dean. SRD Worlledge made contact with student Taylor who stated she knew Dean; however she has had no contact with him. Taylor reported that Dean has only looked at her in the past, but nothing further. There was no further investigation supporting the allegations made by either Vaught's.

SRD Worlledge informed Sgt. Ardoin that he has made several contacts with I. Vaught during school hours as follows:

- 11/02/2018 with J. Vaught being present for the initial interview (case number 180026589).
- 01/11/2019 when I. Vaught contacted SRD Worlledge to report an alleged injunction violation (case number 19000879) reference Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Sexual Violence (After Notice) with Julie Vaught obo Isabella Vaught, Petitioner, and Casey (aka Kacey) Dean obo Ty Dean, Respondent; as well as on 01/14/2019 when I. Vaught was called to the SRD office to identify herself on the school's surveillance system with Sgt. Ardoin present for the investigation.
- 01/30/2019 J. Vaught came to UHS to report another alleged injunction violation. SRD Worlledge called I. Vaught to the SRD office to conduct an interview. An information report was completed 01/30/2019, 19-2375 by SRD Worlledge. J. Vaught went to District 6 on 01/30/2019 to report Dean being in violation of the injunction at University HS. J. Vaught responded to UHS and completed a written statement indicating Dean was in the cafeteria sitting with his friends when I. Vaught arrived into the café. I. Vaught said she walked back and forth past Dean's table several times and he did not get up and leave. I. Vaught said she and Dean made eye contact and he did not leave the table. I. Vaught came to the SRD's office and completed a sworn written statement indicating the same. The amended injunction (dated 01/29/2019) allows Dean to attend school, school related extra-curricular activities and school activities. Sgt. Ardoin emailed the injunction to Mr. McGlashan and what was reported by the Vaught's. Mr. McGlashan determined there was no violation and an arrest should not be made. SRD Worlledge notified J. Vaught of this.
- On 01/30/2019 OCPD received a THC from David Vaught stating his daughter was walking home from school and Dean was a passenger in a car and the car passed by and the horn was honked at her. D. Vaught told OCPD Dean was in violation of the injunction and requested face to face contact. OCPD determined the location the incident was reported to have occurred was in the county. District 6 Deputy responded and obtained a copy of the injunction from SRD Worlledge. District 6 forwarded the complaint along with the injunction to Mr. McGlashan. Mr. McGlashan determined there was no violation and an arrest should not be made. Information Report was completed 19-2402.

SRD Worlledge has had no further contact with I. Vaught since 01/30/2019. Each of the contacts made with I. Vaught or her friend were for the purpose of conducting a criminal investigation with J. Vaught or her husband, D. Vaught, being made aware of the contacts. Sgt. Ardoin spoke with D. Vaught during the investigation for the alleged injunction violation 01/11/2019.

SRD Worlledge requested J. Vaught provide him a copy of any Injunctions if obtained so that he could have one on file at the school. J. Vaught provided the Injunctions to SRD Worlledge as requested. However, the copy provided to SRD Worlledge was missing page 2 of the injunction. The contents of the missing Page 2 contained the handwritten portion of Section 2c: The Respondent and Petitioner currently have a class located on the same hallway. Incidental contact is allowed to enable both Petitioner and Respondent to attend their classes at University High School (including lunch or extra-curricular activities.). SRD Worlledge contacted J. Vaught and informed her there was a page missing. SRD Worlledge contacted Records and was emailed the full injunction. When it was determined there was no violation of the injunction, J. Vaught returned to court and was granted an amended Injunction. The amended injunction, obtained 01/29/2019 included Page 2 handwritten Section 2c: The Respondent and Petitioner currently have a class located on the same hallway. Both children attend University High School. It is the court's intention that Respondent may continue to attend University High School. Incidental contact only is allowed. Respondent shall be entitled to attend his classes and his extra-curricular activities and school activities.

The investigation was completed in an appropriate amount of time based on the initial report taking place on

11/02/2018 and concluding the victim interview after dismissal of students. SRD Worlledge continued the investigation with interviews of Dean and potential witnesses on Monday and Thursday of the following week. SRD Worlledge completed the investigation with charges for Simple Battery. J. Vaught signed the 707 Complaint Affidavit for Simple Battery with a Civil Citation being issued to Dean on 11/14/2018.

Conclusion

Based upon the investigation conducted for this Supervisory Inquiry, Sgt. Ardoin determined SRD Worlledge conducted the investigation thoroughly and completely in making the determination for the charges and Civil Citation being signed by J. Vaught.

Complaints made by Julie Vaught summarized:

- The original incident involving her daughter occurred on 11/2/2018, but it took SRD Worlledge 3 weeks to complete the report.

FINDINGS: The initial report occurred 11/02/2018 and concluded after dismissal of students. SRD Worlledge continued the interviews of the suspect and potential witnesses on Monday and Thursday of the following week. SRD Worlledge completed the investigation with J. Vaught signing the 707 Complaint Affidavit for Simple Battery with a Civil Citation being issued to Dean on 11/14/2018. BWC was obtained and reviewed by Sgt. Ardoin. There was no BWC of J. Vaught signing the 707 Complaint Affidavit.

- SRD Worlledge refused to give her a copy of her daughter's statement and referred her to Records to obtain a copy.

FINDINGS: SRD Worlledge was not asked for a copy of the written statement provided by I. Vaught; however, he did recall being asked for a copy of the Incident Report. He provided her the procedure for obtaining a copy of the report. BWC was obtained and reviewed by Sgt. Ardoin. During the initial interview, J. Vaught is not seen requesting a copy of the written statement provided by I. Vaught, nor SRD Worlledge informing her of the procedures for obtaining a copy of the Incident Report. SRD Worlledge provided the information for the inquiry to Sgt. Ardoin upon request.

- SRD Worlledge never provided a case card with a case number.

FINDINGS: SRD Worlledge provided J. Vaught a VCSO business card containing the case number during the interview. BWC was obtained and reviewed by Sgt. Ardoin.

- Another student named Taylor reported a similar case to SRD Worlledge with same suspect.

FINDINGS: SRD Worlledge made contact with the student who stated she knew Dean; however she has had no contact with him. She stated Dean has only looked at her in the past, but nothing further. There was no further investigation supporting the allegations made by the Vaught's. There is no BWC for this contact with this student.

- SRD Worlledge keeps calling her daughter and her daughter's friends out of class repeatedly.

FINDINGS: Each of the contacts made by SRD Worlledge with I. Vaught or her friend were for the purpose of conducting a criminal investigation. BWC was obtained and reviewed by Sgt. Ardoin.

- SRD Worlledge treated her daughter like a suspect when she reported the incident by asking "Have you ever had a relations with him before?", "You told him no this time?"

FINDINGS: SRD Worlledge did ask I. Vaught if she and the suspect have hung out before or had been friends before to which I. Vaught stated, "We umm dated back in 7th grade" and they stopped contact towards the middle of 8th grade. SRD Worlledge followed up with the question, "Now, personal question in front of mom; when ya'll were dating, was it ever a romantic kind of thing?" to which I. Vaught replied, "No, it was just like kinda awkward stuff." SRD Worlledge then stated, "Just hanging out; like hey, so this wasn't one of those things 'we've done it before hey why can't we do it any more kind of thing?" I. Vaught said, "Yeah". J. Vaught was present during the interview. BWC was obtained and reviewed by Sgt. Ardoin. Sgt. Ardoin reviewed the interview and determined it was professionally conducted by SRD Worlledge.

Sgt. Ardoin has determined all complaints made by Julie Vaught are UNFOUNDED.

Policy Violation: 26.2.155 Use of Equipment: BWC - Employees shall ensure proper maintenance and utilization of the VCSO BWC (body-worn cameras) for its intended purpose and in accordance with Directive 41.20 Body-Worn Cameras.

SRD Worlledge made contact with a student (Taylor Jarrell) and failed to record the contact on his BWC. Sgt. Ardoin inquired as to why there was no BWC of the contact. SRD Worlledge stated he did not record the contact due to the student not being a victim or witness at the time of the encounter. SRD Worlledge stated he would have activated his BWC if the student disclosed information that would have placed her in either victim or witness category.

Findings: Sgt. Ardoin determined SRD Worlledge did not activate his BWC in accordance with Policy. Sgt. Ardoin recommends a Letter of Reprimand for the policy violation to be placed in SRD Worlledge's file.

Incident Location

- 1000, Direction: W Rhode Island Avenue, Orange City, FL 32763 - Location of Occurrence: Outside County Limits

Categories

Reporting/Involved Citizen Information

Julie Vaught

DOB: 9/20/1980 Race: White Ethnicity: Gender: Female

Address

- 326 Riviera Drive, Orange City, FL 32713

Phone

- (386) 473-4535

Role

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Involved Employees

DEP Michael Worlledge - DID #: 1417

Assignment at time of incident: Title: DEP CSSR

Video Footage: [No Response]

Role

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Tasks

No tasks to show

Running Sheet Entries

No running sheet entries to show

Attachments

Date Attached	Attachment Description	Attachment Type
3/27/2019	Original Incident Report	pdf
3/27/2019	Supplement Report	pdf

3/27/2019	Witness Statements of Vaught, Dean and Youngers	pdf
3/27/2019	Civil Citation	pdf
3/27/2019	BWC Link	
5/13/2019	Supervisory Inquiry in its entirety.	pdf
5/16/2019	SRD Mike Worlledge Failure to Activate BWC Memo	pdf

Assignment History

Sent Dt	From	To
6/11/2019	Sergeant Ryan Mills	(None Specified)
Assignment notes Field status changed in IAPro from To IA to Released		
Email sent to receiver No email sent		
6/11/2019	Sergeant Ryan Mills	(None Specified)
Assignment notes Released back to IAPro		
Email sent to receiver No email sent		

Chain of Command History

Routing #1	
Sent From:	SGT Karen Ardoin
Sent To:	LT Michelle Newman
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	3/25/2019 3:25 PM
Instructions from SGT Karen Ardoin to LT Michelle Newman:	
For your review. Sgt. Ardoin	
Comments/Response from LT Michelle Newman:	
Comments: [Forwarded by LT Michelle Newman]	

Routing #2	
Sent From:	LT Michelle Newman
Sent To:	SGT Karen Ardoin
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	3/26/2019 9:23 AM
Instructions from LT Michelle Newman to SGT Karen Ardoin:	
For corrections please refer to hardcopy w/notes provided on 3/26/19	
Comments/Response from SGT Karen Ardoin:	
Comments: Corrections as noted. Sgt. Ardoin	

Routing #3	
Sent From:	SGT Karen Ardoin
Sent To:	LT Michelle Newman

CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	3/26/2019 10:23 AM
Instructions from SGT Karen Ardoin to LT Michelle Newman:	
Corrections as noted. KA	
Comments/Response from LT Michelle Newman:	
Comments: [Forwarded by LT Michelle Newman]	

Routing #4	
Sent From:	LT Michelle Newman
Sent To:	SGT Karen Ardoin
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	3/26/2019 3:09 PM
Instructions from LT Michelle Newman to SGT Karen Ardoin:	
<p>You mentioned talking to the complainant today, what was the content of your phone call? Did you notify her of your findings? Did she have any additional questions?</p> <p>Under "Inquiry" section: add and between statements four</p> <p>Were each of your "Findings" verified via BWC? If so, please include that statement with your findings.</p> <p>Regarding your finding on the complaint that Worlledge treated her daughter like a suspect, you documented what was said during the interview, but you did not document your findings. Did he or didn't he treat her like a suspect? Was this verified by BWC?</p> <p>Also, the associated BWC recordings & Reports, need to be attached/included within Blueteam.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	
Comments/Response from SGT Karen Ardoin:	
Comments: LT, Each have been address or included. KA	

Routing #5	
Sent From:	SGT Karen Ardoin
Sent To:	LT Michelle Newman
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	3/27/2019 11:19 AM
Instructions from SGT Karen Ardoin to LT Michelle Newman:	
LT., Each point has been addressed and included. KA	
Comments/Response from LT Michelle Newman:	
Comments: (At the time you finally contacted her you had already determined the complaints were unfounded. Did you advise Julie Vaught of your findings?? Or when were you going to do that? Why was there no BWC for the interview with Taylor Jarrell? Did Worlledge not properly use his BWC during that interview or was there a malfunction?	

Routing #6	
Sent From:	LT Michelle Newman
Sent To:	SGT Karen Ardoin
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	3/28/2019 6:20 PM
Instructions from LT Michelle Newman to SGT Karen Ardoin:	
see email and comments please	
Comments/Response from SGT Karen Ardoin:	
Comments:	

[Forwarded by SGT Karen Ardoin]

Routing #7	
Sent From:	SGT Karen Ardoin
Sent To:	LT Thomas Tatum
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	4/22/2019 12:24 PM
Instructions from SGT Karen Ardoin to LT Thomas Tatum:	
With BWC policy addition. KA	
Comments/Response from LT Thomas Tatum:	
Comments: As discussed	

Routing #8	
Sent From:	LT Thomas Tatum
Sent To:	SGT Karen Ardoin
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	4/26/2019 1:45 PM
Instructions from LT Thomas Tatum to SGT Karen Ardoin:	
See comments	
Comments/Response from SGT Karen Ardoin:	
Comments: [Forwarded by SGT Karen Ardoin]	

Routing #9	
Sent From:	SGT Karen Ardoin
Sent To:	LT Thomas Tatum
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	5/13/2019 8:52 AM
Instructions from SGT Karen Ardoin to LT Thomas Tatum:	
Edited Supervisory Inquiry with PDF attachment of full Inquiry. KA	
Comments/Response from LT Thomas Tatum:	
Comments: Approved and concur with finding.	

Routing #10	
Sent From:	LT Thomas Tatum
Sent To:	LT Michelle Newman
CC:	CAPT Erik Eagan
Sent Date/Time:	5/14/2019 3:08 PM
Instructions from LT Thomas Tatum to LT Michelle Newman:	
FYR	
Comments/Response from LT Michelle Newman:	
Comments: [Forwarded by LT Michelle Newman]	

Routing #11	
Sent From:	LT Michelle Newman
Sent To:	CAPT Erik Eagan
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	5/16/2019 1:51 PM

Instructions from LT Michelle Newman to CAPT Erik Eagan:

For your review. (Failure to Activate BWC Memo was completed/attached)

Comments/Response from CAPT Erik Eagan:

Comments:

[Forwarded by CAPT Erik Eagan]

Routing #12

Sent From:	CAPT Erik Eagan
Sent To:	Admin Group
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	5/16/2019 2:17 PM

Instructions from CAPT Erik Eagan to Admin Group:

FYR

Comments/Response from CAPT Eric Westfall:

Comments:

[Forwarded by CAPT Eric Westfall]

Routing #13

Sent From:	CAPT Eric Westfall
Sent To:	DCHF Timothy Morgan
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	5/16/2019 2:43 PM

Instructions from CAPT Eric Westfall to DCHF Timothy Morgan:

Concur. FYA.

Comments/Response from DCHF Timothy Morgan:

Comments:

[Forwarded by DCHF Timothy Morgan]

Routing #14

Sent From:	DCHF Timothy Morgan
Sent To:	CHDP John Creamer
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	5/20/2019 1:07 PM

Instructions from DCHF Timothy Morgan to CHDP John Creamer:

FYR I agree with the findings (BWC). However, I will get with them about the option to file for possible injunction violations at a minimum when they are in doubt.

Comments/Response from CHDP John Creamer:

Comments:

[Forwarded by CHDP John Creamer]

Routing #15

Sent From:	CHDP John Creamer
Sent To:	Admin IA
CC:	(none)
Sent Date/Time:	5/20/2019 1:44 PM

Instructions from CHDP John Creamer to Admin IA:

FYR - See DC Morgan's comments

Comments/Response from SGT Ryan Mills:

Comments:

[Forward to IAPro by SGT Ryan Mills]

Assigned Investigator Signature Line

[Incident pending assignment]

Chain of Command Signature Lines

LT Michelle Newman

SGT Karen Ardoin

LT Thomas Tatum

CAPT Erik Eagan

CAPT Eric Westfall

DCHF Timothy Morgan

CHDP John Creamer

SGT Ryan Mills